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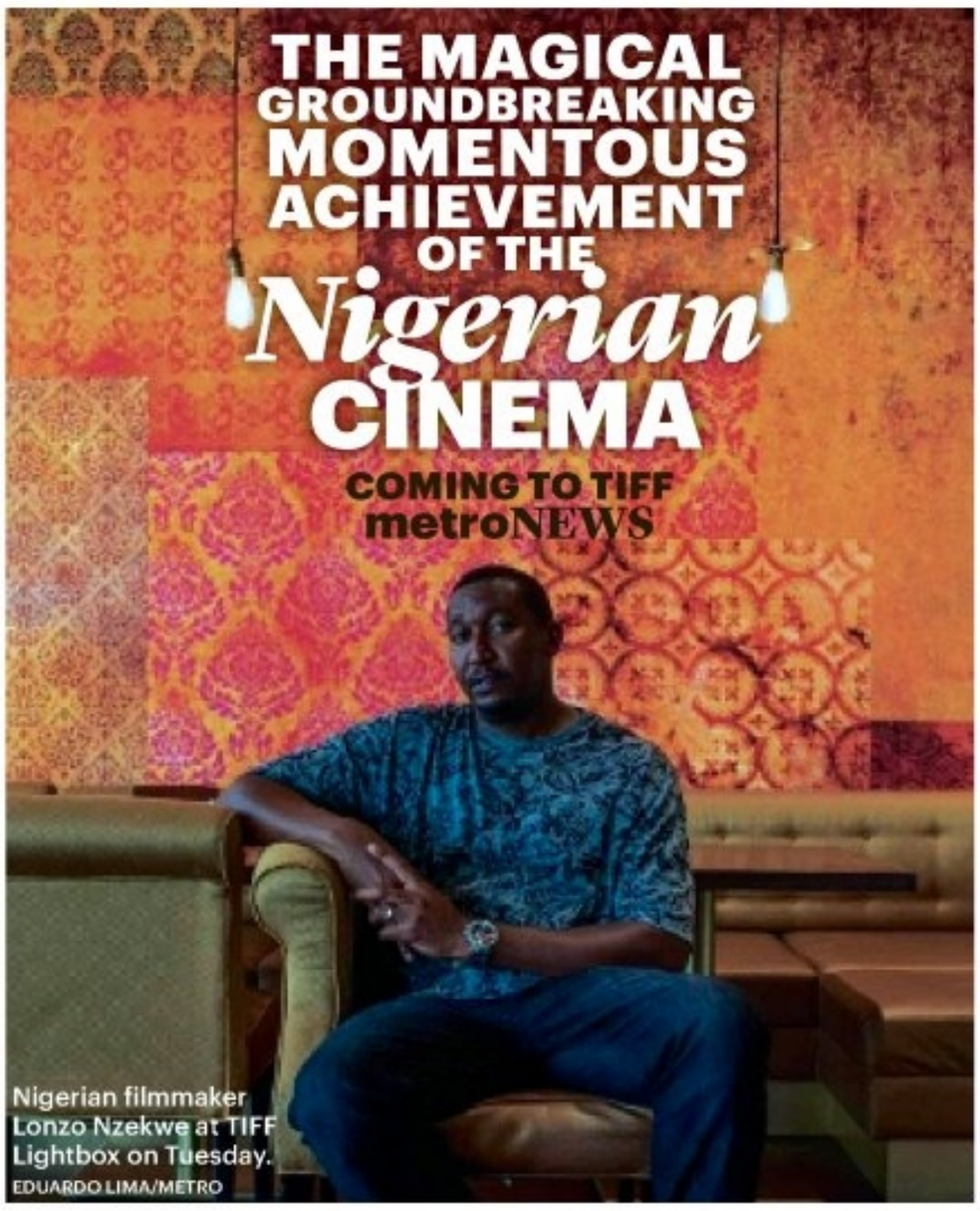

Nigerian filmmaker Lonzo Nzekwe at TIFF Lightbox on Tuesday.
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Kid goes to university (what have *you* done?)

WATERLOO

12-year-old prodigy impresses admissions staff, earns scholarship

If he finds time between his honours physics classes, this first-year University of Waterloo student may be found pursuing his other interests — catch, hide-and-go seek, or taking a trip to Legoland.

Meet Cendikiawan "Diki" Suryaatmadja, among the thousands of nervous and excited students embarking this week on their post-secondary education journey.

Like so many, he toiled away in high school classrooms to earn grades high enough to gain entry to the University of Waterloo, well known for its science and computer engineering programs. Unlike possibly anyone else in the university's history, he's 12 years old.

"I'm very excited but a bit nervous because of the transition in culture," Suryaatmadja, who hails from Indonesia, said last week, one day after setting foot in Canada for the first time.

The wunderkind has enrolled to study science and was so impressive to University of Waterloo admissions staff, he was given an entrance scholarship based on his excellent academic performance.

His application to the Faculty of Science was among the strongest of all first-year students, according to André Jardin, associate registrar of admissions at the university.

"We look forward to seeing him make use of all the great knowledge and resources available to him on campus," Jardin said.

Suryaatmadja will live near campus with his father, who works in business and is self-employed.

A playful sort with a wide smile, Suryaatmadja discovered physics at the age of 9, and says he enjoys contemplating the universe and observing patterns. Physics, he says, "can change the world."

And that's what he intends to do, aiming to invent a new kind of clean energy after completing his physics studies.

Suryaatmadja also plans to keep perfecting his English by telling jokes. It may help him win a few a friends his age, or start conversations.

"Sometimes people rarely talk to me, except about the fact that I am the youngest kid," Suryaatmadja said.

But Canadians had already made a great impression on Suryaatmadja, who has found everyone "very polite, friendly and reliable."

He has been warned about the cold, and says he has tried skating once before — with little success.

"I tried to, but I keep falling," he said. "I think I need to wear full-body armour."

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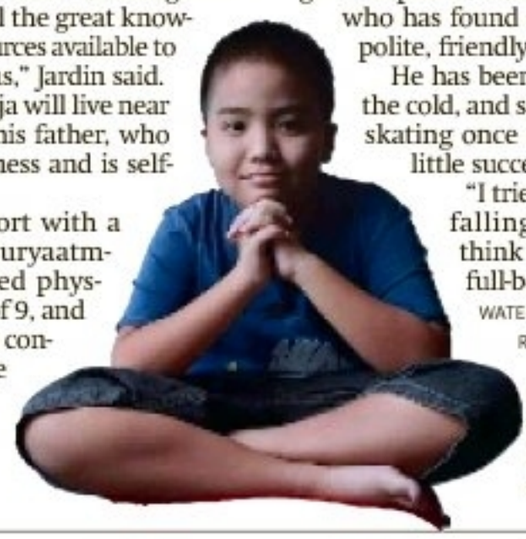

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Dry food coming off the menu for many Canadian dogs. **Business**

Syrians take root

Newcomers to the city already seeing fruits of their labour

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

Syrians in Toronto's east end have started to literally reap what they sowed.

A community garden they started in June has not only started bearing fruit, but also helped them feel more welcome and integrated in the neighbourhood.

"Immediately after the Syrians started planting, community members were asking questions about how they did it and it sparked interesting interactions," said Mahmoud Allouch, project manager of a refugee resettlement program at the Arab Community Centre.

"So the newcomers were out there sharing their knowledge of planting, and it made them feel like they're giving back," he said. "That's a critical element of inclusion right there because it strengthens their mental health."

The garden has produced a variety of vegetables, including lettuce, eggplants, tomatoes, habanero peppers and strawberries.

This Sunday, the Syrian gardeners will host a potluck picnic, sharing what they've grown with the community.

Allouch, who was born in Damascus and came to Toronto to study in 2013, said Syrian farmers take pride in gardening by hand, packing down the soil in a certain way to allow effective irrigation.

That's something that has captured Canadian gardeners' attention, who are used to using technology for farming, he said.

"We're hoping to turn this into an ongoing effort to bring people together to avoid isolation for the Syrians," he said.

"Obviously what these newcomers need most is employment, so making community connections is very important."

VISIT

THE COMMUNITY GARDEN
The potluck picnic is Sunday at the Ashbridge Estate, 1444 Queen St. E. starting at 4 p.m.

Mahmoud Allouch has helped lead the charge for a garden maintained by Syrian refugees. EDUARDO LIMA/METRO

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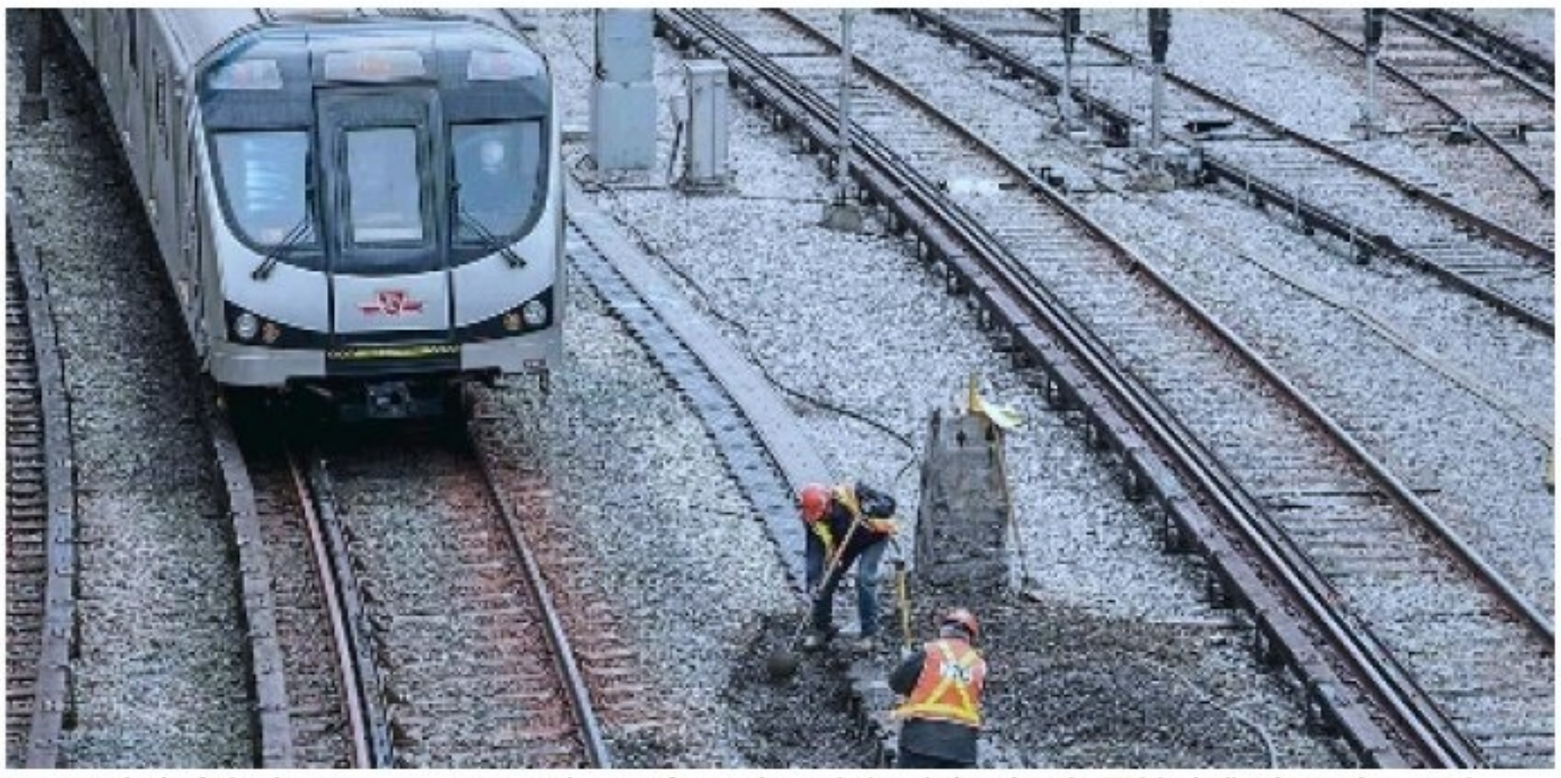

Last month, the federal government announced money for much-needed capital work at the TTC including bus, subway and streetcar repair, track rehabilitation, station renovations and new elevators. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

TTC using 'sleight of hand' to unlock federal money

INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDS

Unorthodox accounting used to find matching cash

BY THE NUMBERS CAPITAL WORK AND MAINTENANCE COSTS

$9.4B	$1.5B	$127M
Projected value of TTC's capital work program between 2017 and 2026	Total anticipated TTC capital funding from Public Transit Infrastructure Fund	Federal funding allocated to TTC subway maintenance over next two years

The TTC is employing some fancy financial footwork to access federal infrastructure money and cut down on the transit agency's backlog of unfunded capital work.

TTC chair Coun. Josh Colle called it a "good news story" for the cash-strapped transit commission, but one member of the TTC board warned that the agency is engaging in "sleight of hand" to make its finances appear healthier than they are.

Last month, Ottawa announced that under its Federal Public Transit Infrastructure Fund, the federal government would pump $360 million into the TTC to pay for much-needed capital work. Ottawa has offered to pay up to 50 per cent of transit projects eligible under the program. That posed a problem for the TTC, according to agency CEO Andy Byford, who said the city was unable to come up with matching funds on its own.

But TTC was able to find the cash using an unorthodox accounting manoeuvre. Staffers reviewed the TTC's spending in recent years, and determined the TTC historically hasn't spent all of the money it has allocated to previous capital budgets. The review found that between 2006 and 2015, the TTC's annual spending on capital work was, on average, only 80 per cent of what it had budgeted.

On Tuesday, the budget committee approved TTC staff's request to reduce its spending projections over the next ten years to reflect the agency's "capacity to spend," which would free up about $850 million from the 10-year capital plan that can be reallocated to match federal funding.

Coun. Joe Mihevc (Ward 21, St. Paul's), who sits on the committee, criticized the accounting procedure as "sleight of hand." He questioned whether the federal government would accept the TTC's contribution as matching funds because he said it wasn't new spending.

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PAN AM PATH

Mobile concerts to celebrate anniversary

Luke Simcoe
Metro | Toronto

A pedal-powered music festival is making its way to the Pan Am Path this weekend.

To celebrate the 80-kilometre trail network's one-year anniversary, the Toronto Bicycle Music Festival will be staging a series of mobile concerts along the path on Saturday.

The event is partnership between the festival, Cycle Toronto, Evergreen Brick Works and the Friends of the Pan Am Path.

"One of our key pieces is bringing together the power of art and sport to bring the trail to life," said Friends of the Pan Am Path's executive director, James Meers.

Meers and his colleagues ran programming along the path during last year's Pan Am Games, including bike and walking tours and mural painting festivals. He said events that combined art and culture with recreation were among the most popular.

"The Bicycle Music Festival goes hand in hand with that," he said. "You're not just showing up and listening to a concert, you're an active participant in that concert. You're going to get on a bike, you're going to move and you're going to be in nature."

The free event begins at 11 a.m. at the Brick Works and winds its way along the path, culminating in a final concert at Prairie Drive Park. Participating musicians include Jason Collett and Annabelle Chvostek.

The concerts will be amplified, but all the electricity will be provided by bicycle-powered generators supplied by Tune Your Ride.

Expect to see more scenes like this one along the Pan Am Path. COURTESY SAM MOTALA/ FRIENDS OF THE PAN AM PATH

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'Missing middle' on mid-rise housing

Addressing Toronto's "missing middle" won't happen without updated zoning rules and revised development charges, including parking and parkland dedication requirements, the report warns. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

REAL ESTATE

City short on cheap for family-centric homes: Report

The Toronto region has a "missing middle" of affordable, family-oriented mid-rise, stacked townhouse and townhome development.

They're the kind of homes that create "gentle densities" — urban villages where people live an easy walk to rapid transit, shops and services.

A report from the Ryerson City Building Institute (CBI) and Ontario Home Builders' Association (OHBA) says the proposed changes to the provincial growth plan could fill in that "missing middle."

"High-rise condo towers are being built in downtown Toronto and suburban centres, but these do not always offer units suitable for all family sizes," says the report, called Suburbs on Track, released Wednesday.

Without alternatives to single-family homes and small condos, the province risks losing a "once-in-a-generation opportunity" for a return on its $32 billion regional transit investment, said CBI executive director Cherise Burda.

"It's not to say we do this instead of building detached houses in the suburban fringes. That is continuing to happen. But we also need a lot more housing options. The demand is outstripping supply," she said.

Ontario's 10-year-old Smart Growth Plan is the subject of a review that proposes to create denser communities in the inner suburbs and in the municipalities around Toronto. The consultation period ends Oct. 31.

"The Growth Plan, if enforced properly, would create more housing supply that is affordable to more people in places people want to live," said Burda.

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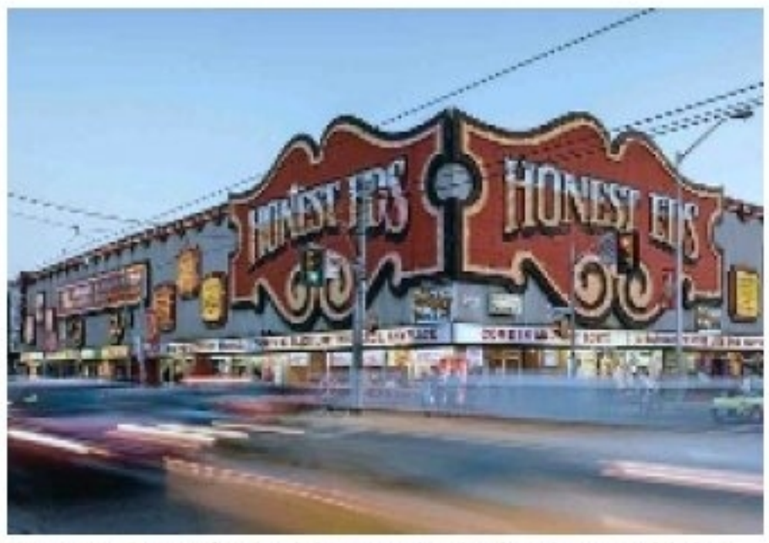

Toronto's Centre for Social Innovation is planning a multi-day party to commemorate Honest Ed's before the iconic building gets torn down next year. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

Sending Honest Ed's out in style

HISTORY

Organization planning party ahead of iconic store's closing

Luke Simcoe
Metro | Toronto

If you've ever felt like partying in the aisles of Honest Ed's, you're about to get your chance.

The iconic bargain store is slated to close at the end of the year, as part of a massive redevelopment of Mirvish Village. But, before the building comes down, the Centre for Social Innovation is looking to send off Honest Ed's in a style befitting its founder.

"I think it's going to be crazy, but Honest Ed was a bit crazy, so it's perfect," said Adil Dhalla, the centre's director of culture.

The event — slated for late winter — is still in the planning stages, but Dhalla promised a "multi-day" affair full of art, music and local retailers. Better still, festivities will take place "both inside and outside" of the store.

"It'll be the first, last and only event before the building gets demolished," he said.

Although he billed himself as a "cheapskate," Ed Mirvish was one of Toronto's most generous philanthropists. He also worked to make his store accessible to everyone in the city, an ethos the Centre for Social Innovation is looking to emulate by inviting the public to help plan the party.

"Doing this project, we heard about how close Honest Ed's was to people's immigrant experiences or just their early experiences in Toronto," Dhalla said. "Honest Ed's made Toronto possible for a lot of us and we want to share that story."

In addition to celebrating Honest Ed's place in Toronto's history books, Dhalla said the event will also focus on the future of the site. Developer Westbank is proposing to build a 1,000-unit rental project there, including a bevy of community amenities, such as parks, public squares and childcare facilities.

"We're going to lose something iconic, and the hope is that we'll get something iconic back in its place," Dhalla said.

POLICE

Long weekend deadliest in 20 years, OPP say

Provincial police say the data is preliminary, but they're calling the Labour Day long weekend the deadliest in OPP-patrolled jurisdictions in 20 years.

They report 12 road fatalities — including four in one collision in northeastern Ontario — one marine fatality and one off-road vehicle death during the long weekend.

In spite of an OPP campaign to discourage distracted driving, officers laid 800 distracted or inattentive driving charges during the Labour Day weekend. THE CANADIAN PRESS

BRAMPTON

Top administrator axes 25 department chiefs

In a sweeping move, the City of Brampton has informed 25 managers, including some of its most senior staff, they are no longer employed with the municipality.

"All the chiefs are all gone. The sixth floor has been cleaned out," said Coun. Pat Fortini, following the stunning announcement by the city's new chief administrative officer Tuesday.

The move comes after an external financial review by Ontario's former auditor general last year revealed unsustainable labour costs, including the bureaucratic class, that were swallowing up a disproportionate amount of property tax revenues. The move will reportedly save the city $2 million a year, as many of the vacated positions will not be filled.

> **"I'm very hopeful there will be a complete change of culture."**
> Coun. John Sprovieri

"This is disruptive," said Mayor Linda Jeffrey, "there's no doubt about it. Losing 25 people, 25 key individuals in the city is a very large change to what we're going to do in the coming weeks, and I think we're all going to grapple with that. Whether you choose change or it's thrust upon you, it's difficult. But I am confident in the leadership provided by our CAO.

"This is a lot to take in all at once," Jeffrey said. "We have a lot of things at stake. Our residents expect us to do the best, and I think we're now better positioned to compete."

Jeffrey said CAO Harry Schlange was specifically brought on as "an agent of change."

The change came as welcome news to Fortini: "People are walking around trying to justify these management jobs while property taxes are going up and up."

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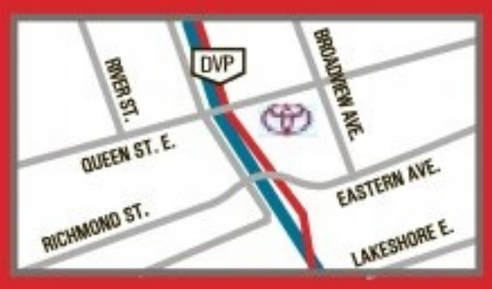

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The 6ix deserves a store: Councillor

MERCHANDISING

Staff asked to look into idea of T.O.-branded swag at city hall

May Warren
Metro | Toronto

Coun. Mary Margaret McMahon wants the city to put all its swag under one roof.

The Ward 32 councillor is pushing to build a Toronto store at city hall that could sell everything from TTC mugs to clothes to paintings by local artists.

"In Toronto you are hard-pressed to find one-stop shopping," she said. "The Spacing Store is great and the wares they sell are fantastic, but it's a little off the beaten path for tourists, so why not have something at city hall?"

A motion by McMahon asking staff to study the feasibility of the store passed at the Government Management Committee meeting Tuesday. Next stop is city council in the fall.

McMahon said the store could be a revenue tool, raising cash for Toronto's "long to-do list" of infrastructure projects.

Coun. Josh Colle floated a similar idea last fall, asking staff to look into licensing the TTC brand.

> **We have a lot of things to brag about, so why not show off?**
> Mary Margaret McMahon

Colle is "stunned" by how much Toronto-branded swag is already out there and said the city is missing an opportunity.

According to Colle, New York's licensing program — used for everything from "I love NYC" T-shirts to toy trucks with the Fire Department of New York logo — brings in about $200,000 a year.

"I don't think the numbers are huge, but we need every dime we can get," he said.

John Molina, spokesman for the Peace Collective clothing brand, said the city would be wise to tap into the "massive" market for Toronto swag.

The company's "Toronto vs. Everybody" and "Home is Toronto" shirts have been a big hit, and the brand opened its first storefront on Ossington Avenue this week.

"Everyone in the city is so proud to be from Toronto," Molina said.

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From Olympic podium to Grade 11

SPORTS

Swimming phenom Penny Oleksiak back to normal life

Penny Oleksiak returned to Monarch Park Collegiate on Tuesday for her first day back at school. RICHARD LAUTENS/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Penny Oleksiak is kind of a big deal at her high school.

The star swimmer, who won four medals at the Rio Olympics, returned to class in East York on Tuesday as she enters Grade 11, but her recently found fame is something she's playing down.

"I don't think I'm a celebrity," she said with a big smile.

"I think everyone knows me already."

Oleksiak is a bona fide celebrity after this summer's medal haul, which culminated in carrying the country's flag at the closing ceremony. It is an issue that school officials have been discussing over the past few weeks.

Monarch Park Collegiate decided to hold a news conference on the first day of school with the hope that normalcy will return to Oleksiak's life by the second day of school.

After a bit of chit-chatting in the office, Bryan McAlpine, the school's head of athletics, decided to take a different approach: He asked if the star athlete still planned to keep score in volleyball games — something she did last year.

"For sure I'm going to," Oleksiak said.

"This is going to sound really bad and I don't think I'm going to say it, but I'll say it: It's another opportunity to hang out with your friends during school. It's fun to score keep especially when my friends are playing volleyball — it's awesome."

Oleksiak's answer to McAlpine came as a relief to principal Cynthia Abernethy, who believes the 16-year-old student will easily slide back into high school life as a student.

"We were nervous about Penny coming back and having to teach a celebrity, but it took two minutes to speak with Penny to get back at ease and to realize this is a kind of a normal place for her," McAlpine said.

"We like to think we're helping her in that role."

There is a balance, Abernethy said, because they also want to applaud her successes. They've posted some of the media articles about her Olympic performance and will likely acknowledge her feats at an upcoming assembly, Abernethy said, but will otherwise focus on school life.

Oleksiak says she's looking forward to science classes and is glad she doesn't have any upcoming arts classes.

"As of tomorrow, Penny goes back to four periods a day and we're going to crack that whip," Abernethy said with a laugh. Oleksiak is set to take science, math, law and another course — she couldn't remember what she picked.

She said she has a week or two off before swimming ramps up again, so she'll go to the beach and hang out with friends after class in the meantime.

Oleksiak is also planning to keep her social media profile consistent, even though she has more than 80,000 followers on Instagram.

"I'm just trying to keep my Instagram the same and post funny captions and everything," she said.

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Nollywood comes to TIFF

FESTIVAL

Nigerian filmmakers to be part of City to City program

Gilbert Ngabo
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The Nigerian film industry will be walking the red carpet at this year's Toronto International Film Festival.

At least eight films made by Nollywood producers will take centre stage at TIFF as part of the festival's City to City program. This year, the Nigerian capitol of Lagos is the festival's featured city.

The spotlight could represent a major turning point for Nigerian cinema, says Lonzo Nzekwe, a Toronto-based filmmaker who hails from Nigeria.

"We have a golden opportunity here to showcase our authentic work to the world," he said.

Nzekwe, whose latest movie, Meet the Parents, won this year's best picture at Africa Movie Academy Awards, said he's excited to showcase African films from African filmmakers.

"When Hollywood goes to Africa, they'll show you the jungles and the dirty part of the continent. That's just the narrative they want to push," he said.

"But through Nollywood films you see the excellence of Africa. You see the beauty and the positive aspects of it. That's the good thing about what TIFF is doing now."

Nzekwe also believes the program is a chance for Nigerian producers and actors to make important connections in the film industry.

His company, IronFlix, is organizing a welcome party Sunday for Nollywood stars to meet and network with local filmmakers and explore co-production opportunities.

Nzekwe said the TIFF invitation is a sign the rest of the movie world is taking notice of Nollywood. By sheer volume, Nigeria is home to the world's second largest film industry, behind only India's Bollywood.

"Nollywood started with people shooting videos on DVDs and selling them on streets. Now we have cinemas and we're going global," he said.

Toronto-based Nigerian filmmaker Lonzo Nzekwe says Nollywood at TIFF marks a turning point for African filmmaking. EDUARDO LIMA/METRO

5 NOLLYWOOD FILMS TO CHECK OUT

- **93 Days** — A thriller based on true stories of health care workers battling the Ebola outbreak in Lagos. Sept. 9, 9:30 p.m. at Isabel Bader Theatre.
- **76** — A drama about the thwarted 1976 military coup against General Murtala Mohammed. Sept. 10, 8:30 p.m. at Scotiabank Theatre.
- **Okafor's Law** — A comedy about a serial seducer who bets his friends he can bed three exes in just six weeks. Sept. 12, 8:45 p.m. at Isabel Bader Theatre.
- **The Wedding Party** The story of a 24-year-old art gallery owner marrying an IT entrepreneur gives a glimpse of the first night of marriage to a couple that's vowed chastity. Sept. 8, 9 p.m. at Elgin – Visa Screening Room.
- **Green White Green** A satire exploring what it means to be a modern Nigerian, through the eyes of three youth from different ethnic groups about to head to universities. Sept. 12, 7 p.m. at The Scotiabank Theatre.

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Canada not perfect on rights: Trudeau

POLITICS

PM raises concerns with China's elites

When Justin Trudeau raised concerns directly with China's political elite about their human-rights record, he says he also acknowledged that Canada isn't perfect.

The prime minister shared more details Tuesday about his high-level talks last week with Beijing, sessions that included face time with President Xi Jinping and Premier Li Keqiang.

Trudeau told a business luncheon in Hong Kong that he brought up his concerns in those meetings, ranging from consular cases, rule of law, governance and corruption.

"(I) talked about the challenges, but also talked about the fact that Canada is not immune to criticisms on human rights, either," he said during an on-stage interview hosted by the Canadian Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong.

"The perspective that a lot of countries have is, 'Well, you know, foreign countries or foreign observers shouldn't be criticizing what are internal matters to us.'"

He said he pointed out how a UN rapporteur put out a "scathing report" a few years ago on Canada's treatment of Indigenous Peoples, of missing and murdered aboriginal women and girls and other challenges.

Trudeau's Hong Kong event came on the last day of his eight-day official visit to China, a trip that also included stops in Beijiing, Shanghai and Hangzhou for the Group of 20 leaders' summit.

His primary goal of the visit was to strengthen commercial ties with the Chinese regime. He repeated his argument Tuesday that Ottawa's connection to China was "hot and cold" when the Conservatives were in power.

With Canada struggling through an extended period of weak growth, the government sees expanding the relationship with China as a key to helping the economy.

His appearance Tuesday in Hong Kong followed a landmark election result in the southern Chinese city that saw a group of young pro-democracy activists win seats in the local legislature.

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Justin Trudeau in Hong Kong on Tuesday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

CAUTION

- Getting tighter with China poses challenges at home. Trudeau has had to address widespread concerns about the Chinese regime's handling of human rights.
- Asked how Canada might engage with China on behalf of Hong Kong, Trudeau was cautious. "I'm going to use a line that I've been able to use a few times regarding our neighbours to the south: Canada will work with whoever gets elected and forms government."

CONSULTATIONS

Change infrastructure rules, cities ask federal government

Canadian municipalities want the federal government to change the way it decides how much money cities should get for transit and water projects.

The changes outlined in June to the federal infrastructure minister would potentially, if implemented, give more money to smaller communities to help them build a transit system or improve private septic systems.

Municipal leaders are also looking to the Liberals to set aside a significant amount of money for social housing over the coming decade, and to continue funding up to half of eligible project costs to help cities more easily manage project expenses.

The details are contained in summary reports prepared for Infrastructure Minister Amarjeet Sohi after he met in early June with mayors, reeves and officials with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities as part of consultations on the second phase of the government's 10-year, $60-billion infrastructure program.

Another round of consultations is scheduled for Wednesday in Edmonton. The final outline of how Phase 2 will work is to be released within the next year.

Community leaders told Sohi they wanted the federal government to allocate money to cities under the second phase instead of making them apply for federal help. THE CANADIAN PRESS

MILITARY

Aircraft support in Iraq, Syria

A senior officer says Canadian aircraft in Iraq and Syria are providing intelligence to allies for airstrikes and other operations against Daesh. This year the government withdrew six CF-18s from the region, but left behind a Polaris air-to-air refueller and two Aurora surveillance aircraft. Those aircraft have continued to support the bombing campaign against Daesh, also known as ISIL

But the Liberals left behind a Polaris air-to-air refueller and two Aurora surveillance aircraft. Those aircraft have continued to support the bombing campaign against ISIL, also known as Daesh, even as public attention has turned to the role of Canadian special forces operatives in northern Iraq..

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Sophia Spencer poses for a photo with her grasshopper named Hoppers in Alexandria, Ont. Her mother tweeted about her daughter's love of bugs and the post went viral. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

CREEPY CRAWLIES

For the love of bugs: Entomologists rally around bullied Canadian girl

Seven-year-old Sophia Spencer loves bugs so much she had her hair cut short so it wouldn't get in the way while she was catching them.

She keeps more than a dozen pet grasshoppers in a dinosaur bucket and Mason jar at home. Last year, her favourite bugs were snails, and the year before that she was fascinated with worms and ants.

After moving from Sarnia to Alexandria, Ont., and switching schools, her obsession with insects set her apart from the other kids and made her the butt of cruel jokes, according to her mom, Nicole.

The teasing started on the first day of school. Sophia was carrying a caterpillar around and talking to it, as she's prone to do, when a girl said: "You're weird. You shouldn't be playing with bugs."

The bullying only got worse, Nicole said. When Sophia brought another caterpillar to show-and-tell, a boy asked to see it after — then stomped on it.

"Nobody would go near her," her mom said.

She notified Sophia's teachers and still nothing changed, she said. The bullying had taken such a toll on her daughter's confidence that she wrote a heartfelt email to the Entomological Society of Canada. She asked the society to arrange a chat between Sophia and an insect specialist, who would encourage her love of bugs.

Sophia and Hoppers TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

"I want her to know from an expert that she is not weird or strange (what kids call her) for loving bugs and insects," Nicole wrote.

The email found its way to Jackson Morgan, the society's social media volunteer and a PhD student in entomology at Guelph University.

"I was heartbroken," he recalled. "I don't like hearing about anybody being bullied, especially about something I'm so passionate about." (Morgan studies stilt-legged flies, which are native to tropical climes.)

He posted the email to Twitter, where it grabbed the attention of entomologists from the U.K. to Australia.

By Friday afternoon, more than a hundred people had agreed to be her pen pal, said Morgan. The social media discussion took on a life of its own under the hashtag #BugsR4Girls as entomologists the world over posted words of encouragement and pictures of themselves holding creepy crawlies.

"I was inspired by brilliant female entomologists & I hope that I can do the same for others," tweeted Ashleigh Whifflin, an entomology curatorial assistant at the National Museums of Scotland, along with a picture of what appears to be a green caterpillar.

All the supportive messages for Sophia have lifted her spirits and made her feel "famous," her mom said.

These days, Sophia is back to her carefree, bug-catching self, Nicole said. After taking a break from catching bugs after being teased at school, she got back to her hobby and taught her best friend's little sister the art of hunting critters.

In a very short conversation with Torstar, Sophia said she isn't ashamed of her passion any more.

"I feel very nice and special," she said. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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A game of he said/she said

U.S. ELECTION

Clinton, Trump: He's a national security danger; no, she is

Hillary Clinton accused Donald Trump of insulting America's veterans and pressing dangerous military plans around the globe on Tuesday, seeking to undercut his appeal to service families in Southern voting battlegrounds. Trump declared "our country is going to hell" because of policies she would make even worse.

Clinton, addressing supporters in Florida, warned that Trump would lead the nation back to war in the Middle East. And to military vets and their families, she pointed anew to his summertime dust-up with the Muslim parents of a slain American soldier.

"His whole campaign has been one long insult to all those who have worn the uniform," the Democratic nominee said at the University of South Florida in Tampa.

The two presidential candidates are sending conflicting messages to voters. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Republican Trump, trying to emphasize his military support, released a letter from 88 retired generals and admirals citing an urgent need for a "course correction" in America's national security policy.

It was aimed at rebutting Clinton's arguments that she would be best positioned to lead the military and reassuring Republicans who have openly worried that his provocative statements might undermine U.S. alliances.

"We believe that such a change can only be made by someone who has not been deeply involved with, and substantially responsible for, the hollowing out of our military and the burgeoning threats facing our country around the world," the military leaders wrote.

"For this reason, we support Donald Trump's candidacy to be our next commander in chief."

Clinton pushed back, saying Trump has lagged in securing key military supporters compared to past Republican nominees.

She pointed to her endorsements from retired Marine Gen. John Allen, who blasted Trump at the Democratic National Committee, and former CIA deputy director Mike Morell.

"They know they can count on me to be the kind of commander in chief who will protect our country and our troops, and they know they cannot count on Donald Trump," Clinton said en route to Florida. "They view him as a danger and a risk."

The conflicting messages came as the candidates prepared to appear at an MSNBC forum Wednesday night on national security. While they will appear separately and not be on stage at the same time, it could serve as a warm-up to their highly-anticipated first presidential debate on Sep. 26 in New York. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Turner joins sex offender registry

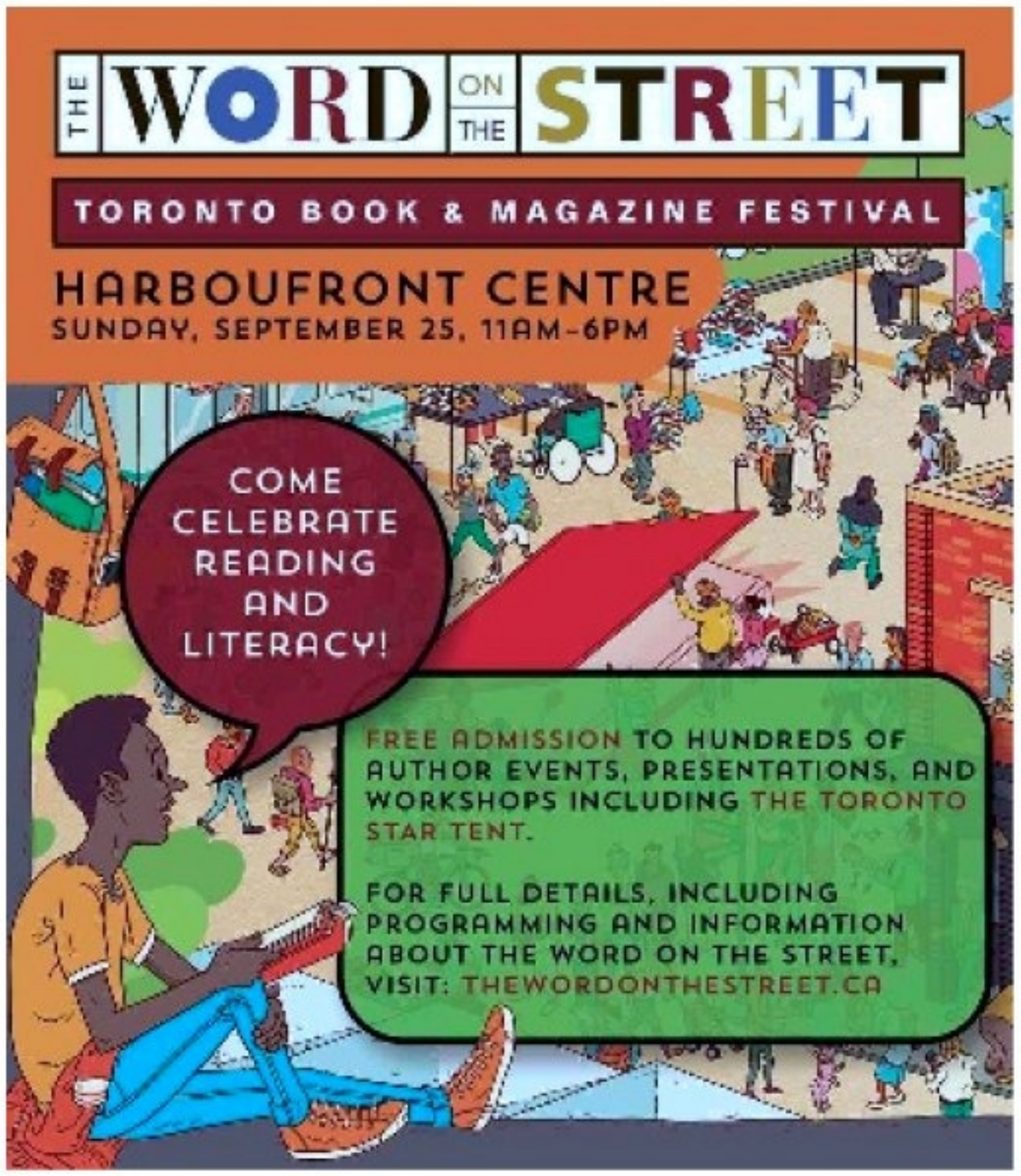
The former Stanford University swimmer whose six-month sentence for sexually assaulting an unconscious woman sparked a national outcry has registered as a sex offender in Ohio, where he's living with his parents.

Brock Turner ASSOCIATED PRESS

Brock Turner registered at the Greene County sheriff's office on Tuesday, four days after leaving a California jail after serving half his term. California jail inmates with good behaviour typically serve half their sentences.

Turner registered under his family's address in Sugarcreek Township, where about a dozen people had protested Friday as police watched.

The 21-year-old must register as a sex offender for life. He faces three years of supervised probation. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



WORLD NEWS

Thirteen killed in deadly weekend in Chicago

Thirteen people were shot to death over the Labor Day weekend in Chicago, making it the deadliest holiday weekend of one of the deadliest summers the city has experienced in decades.

Police have not released a final tally, but according to local media reports at least 65 people were shot, including the 13 who died. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Activists say chlorine bombs dropped in Syria

Syrian activists and rescue workers in the rebel-held part of the contested city of Aleppo said that government warplanes dropped suspected chlorine bombs Tuesday on a crowded neighbourhood, injuring dozens.

The report could not be independently verified and it was not clear how it was determined that chlorine gas was released.

Accusations involving use of chlorine and other poisonous gases are not uncommon in Syria's civil war, and both sides have denied using them while blaming the other for using it as a weapon of war. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MEXICO

Hurricane Newton slams into resorts

Hurricane Newton shattered windows, downed trees and knocked out power in parts of the twin resorts of Los Cabos on Tuesday, but residents were spared the kind of extensive damage seen two years ago when they were walloped by a stronger storm.

Newton made landfall at the southern tip of Mexico's Baja California peninsula in the morning as a Category 1 hurricane with winds of 150 km/h, pelting the area with torrential rain as residents hunkered down in their homes and tourists huddled in hotels.

Palm trees were toppled along Cabo San Lucas' coastal boulevard and some windows were broken. But there was calm in the city as firefighters cleaned refuse from the streets during the day.

"There are only minor damages — fallen branches, some fallen banners, some cables … in general, no victims," army Col. Enrique Rangel said.

"Just trying to make it through the day, with a little help," Mark Hernandez, a tourist from California, said as he raised a can of beer at one of the few bars open in Cabo San Lucas. "We pray for the city of Cabo San Lucas. It was a rough one as you can see."

Roberto Dominguez, a customer relations worker at the Fairfield Marriot, said the hotel's windows and balconies had been sufficiently protected from the storm and guests were fine, although cellphone and internet services had been knocked out. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

People ride bikes during the passage of Hurricane Newton in Baja California Sur, Mexico. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

FISHERIES

EU closer to banning American lobsters

The European Union will conduct a more extensive review of a proposal to ban lobsters imported from the U.S. and Canada after a scientific panel concluded Sweden raised valid points in its request to declare the American lobster an invasive species.

The dispute started when Sweden announced it had found 32 American lobsters in the country's waters and that they pose a threat to native crustaceans. How the lobsters ended up in Swedish waters is unclear.

Sweden's Agency for Marine and Water Management contends the country is right to be cautious about the appearance of a foreign species.

ISTOCK

The agency also says more research is needed into the impact of cross-breeding of American and European lobsters.

But Robert S. Steneck, a University of Maine scientist, contends American lobsters don't pose a threat to European lobsters in part because winter ocean temperatures along the coasts of European countries are too warm for American lobsters to reproduce.

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FIGHT PLAN

Fisheries Minister Dominic LeBlanc says Canada and the U.S. will "vigorously" try to convince the EU that the American lobster does not pose a threat.

Lobstermen in the U.S. and Canada stand to lose $200 million, but they contend a ban is not supported by science.

Karen Schiavone, pictured in her Toronto store Barkside Bistro which specializes in raw dog food, is one of many hoping to corner a market that may be poised to grow. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Dog owners ditching dry food

PETS

Raw, cooked options trend becoming niche business

It seems like kismet that one of the inspirations behind Planet Pup, a Winnipeg dog bakery, was a pooch named Biscuit.

Deb Kurdydyk, who runs the business from her kitchen, said the idea came to her after she started cooking hot organic meals for her Shepherd-Rottweiler mix and wondered, why not start baking cookies and cakes too?

Planet Pup specializes in bone-shaped dog biscuits and birthday cakes. The treats, which are sold online and at some select local retailers, come in a variety of flavours including Wild Pacific salmon and smoked gouda, and elk, apple and blue cheese.

The niche business and others like it are hoping to corner a market that may be poised to grow in the future.

According to market researcher Euromonitor, pet owners in Canada are still opting for prepared food due to convenience, but a rising number are turning to organic and raw pet food.

A Euromonitor report released in June says while prepared dog food accounted for an 87 per cent share of total dog food consumption last year, that is expected to decrease this year.

Karen Schiavone has been selling raw dog food at Barkside Bistro in Toronto's east end for three years after her two dogs died on the same night, both from cancer. "I realized it was probably the food," said Schiavone, who also offers a delivery subscription service. Barkside sells a variety of bones and meats, including beef, duck, elk, buffalo and kangaroo.

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CONTRACT

Unifor picks GM as target

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PAUL WELLS ON FEDERAL RESEARCH FUNDING

In giving $900 million to only 13 institutions and a few dozen researchers, the Liberals highlighted some disturbing trends in Canada's national science effort.

At first glance, the parade of cabinet ministers on university campuses across Canada yesterday might have looked like evidence of a new era in federal support for science.

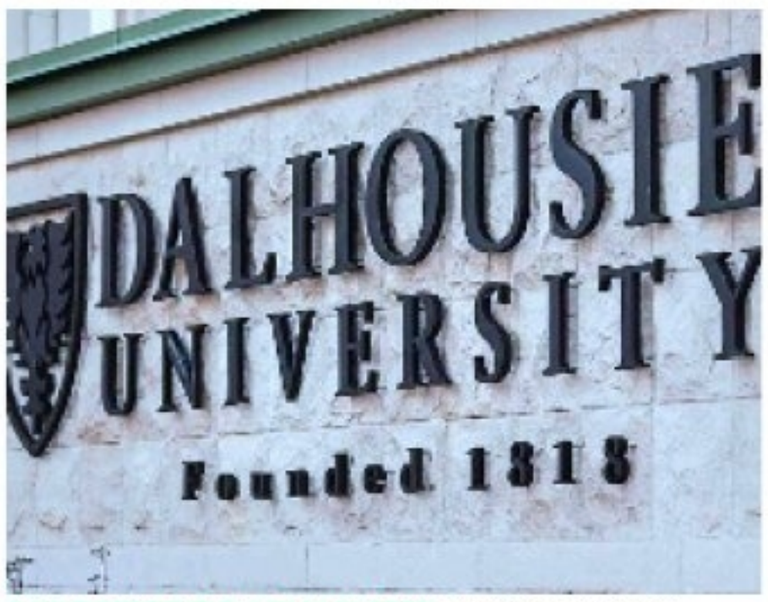
Scott Brison was on hand at Dalhousie University in Halifax, which will work with the University of Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland's Memorial University on a multidisciplinary ocean-studies project. The size of the grant from Ottawa: $94 million.

Kirsty Duncan and Bardish Chagger were in Waterloo, where the Institute for Quantum Computing picked up $76 million to create powerful new technology using quantum physics. And on it went: $78 million for flood and drought prediction at the University of Saskatchewan. $84 million for brain research at McGill, $94 million for big data at the Université de Montréal, $75 million for clean energy at each of Alberta's two biggest universities.

In all, 13 centres of higher learning split $900 million in grants under the Canada First Research Excellence Fund (CFREF), whose website says it was designed to help Canadian post-secondary institutions become "global research leaders."

Specifically — and this fact was not emphasized at any of the announcements on Tuesday — it was designed in 2014 by the former Conservative government, whose finance minister at the time, the late Jim Flaherty, announced CFREF in his 2014 budget.

This tidbit should elicit a wry chuckle from anyone who's used to hearing the Harper government dismissed as a bunch of knuckle-dragging backwoodsmen at war with the Enlightenment. There was indeed a lot to criticize about how Harper did science, but those Liberal ministers were out there on Tuesday cashing Conservative cheques.



DON'T SPEND IT ALL IN 13 PLACES Dalhousie University received a $94 million cheque from the Liberal government yesterday, part of a $900-million federal investment in scientific research. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

(Since those cheques, whether red or blue, come out of your taxes, the difference is mostly one of dramatic effect. And this sort of policy continuity, where a new government implements an earlier government's decisions, is usually healthy, because it gives anyone who deals with government a chance to plan past the next election.)

But paternity is not the only interesting question to arise from yesterday's announcement. That $900 million, distributed among only 13 institutions and a few dozen researchers, serves to highlight some disturbing long-term trends in Canada's national science effort.

CFREF was created to allow big science in Canada to bulk up so it could compete against world-leading research institutions abroad. But it comes along at a moment when everyday science — the day-to-day efforts of researchers in labs across the country — has been struggling. The Harper government held the line on most operating grants to researchers, so fewer and fewer research applications have been receiving funding. The Canadian Institutes for Health Research, the main federal government vehicle for funding medical research, has seen its "success rate" fall to 13 per cent, and it will probably fall further.

That leaves a lot of frustrated and disillusioned scientists, many of them the younger early-career researchers who are entering precisely the period in their careers when most scientists do their most surprising and productive work. Tony Pawson, the British-born cell biologist who died in Toronto in 2013, opened up a whole new field of lucrative and life-saving anti-cancer therapies with research that didn't cost much, showed little obvious promise, and began when he was 21.

Michael Hendricks, a McGill University biologist, pointed out yesterday that with $700 million — less than the amount that was spent yesterday — Ottawa could fund "1,000 Canadian research labs that are already equipped and ready to go but are starved for operating funds."

Does it make more sense to bet big on 13 research institutes or to bet long on 1,000 quiet explorers? Maybe you should do a bit of both. It's not as though the Trudeau government is ignoring the question: a federal review of science funding is underway, led by former University of Toronto president David Naylor, with a mandate to report by the end of the year.

Naylor is a pit bull, and his panel's website suggests it's considering precisely the sorts of questions I've raised here. But its composition is weighted toward administrators over early- and mid-career researchers, and decisions are being made even as it does its work. It will do little good to decide, after $900 million has been spent, that other choices might have been wiser.

Strong day-to-day advice might help while the expert panels do their consulting. But 10 months after the government was sworn in, Trudeau and his science minister have not appointed a senior federal science adviser, something they promised to do in the last election.

Paul Wells is a national politics columnist for the Toronto Star.

Does it make more sense to bet big on 13 research institutes or to bet long on 1,000 quiet explorers? Maybe you should do a bit of both.

Mansbridge's successor: A gravitas-meister for the rest of us, let's hope

Vicky Mochama
For Metro

Flagship television news hasn't evolved much from its origins.

For most channels, news is still read by a person who is often a white man in an expensive suit. After some gravitas-laced reading aloud, he will throw over to a handful of correspondents dotted across the world then to a weather person. Then he'll wrap up with a lighter story.

"And finally, a waterskiing parrot has raised over $2,000 for the children's hospital. Our correspondent reports."

For Canadians, our Head of Gravitas has been Peter Mansbridge, CBC's host of The National, who has announced that he will longer host the flagship news show as of Canada Day 2017.

In 1993, Mans — as he's called by his very close friends/me — introduced Canadians to "a computer network called Internet." It's been 23 years now and it's time for the Internet to replace him. Video supposedly killed the radio star and yet we still know who Ira Glass and Anna Maria Tremonti are. So, yes, in the future, we will have news anchors. Sort of.

Ideally, the CBC will be at the forefront of existing technology and find a way to bridge Snapchat's filters and Pokémon Go's augmented reality layers onto broadcast news. Since Nahlah Ayed is going to trek to a tunnel under the Israeli-Palestinian border, why not allow the viewer to experience it from the safety of home? Maybe we can even keep Mans as a hologram, only now that reassuring voice and grey suit can wear a flower-crown filter.

Nothing from the CBC suggests that they have the ability to create a digital host. But on at least one front, they have the ability to push Canadian media past a major frontier: Do not give the National anchor job to another white man.

There's nothing *essentially* wrong with white men, but there are enough on TV at the moment, thank you very much. If you're not thrilled that a white man isn't reading the news, just wait an hour and a blinding array of white men can joke about the news on the late-night shows.

The CBC has a mandate to reflect Canadians back to Canada, and yet the corporation is incredibly white in a country that is at least a quarter visible minority. Recently, the CBC replaced Shad, a black man, with Tom Power, who is white, as host of Q. So they owe the Mansbridge replacement to the rest of us, who pay to see Canada reflected to us.

Peter Mansbridge exits the anchor's chair on Canada's 150th birthday. Let's step forward into our bright future by letting a person of colour tell my mom the day's sad news seven hours after I've read about it on Twitter.

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What grows together goes together

RECIPE

Get in the mood for autumn with this pork dish

Kitchen wisdom holds that produce that's in season at the same time will taste great on the same plate (what grows together, goes together, as the saying goes). Here, sweet potatoes, apples, and Vidalia onion are roasted along with pork chops for an autumnal one-pan supper.

The tubers soak up the pan juices — flavoured with apple cider vinegar, apple cider, and caraway seeds — that are also drizzled over each serving.

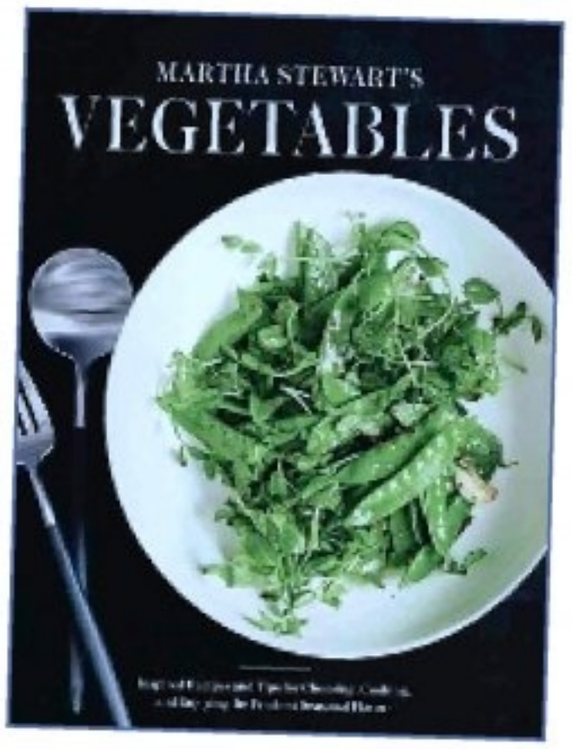
Roasted Pork Chops with Sweet Potatoes and Apples
Serves 4.

Ingredients:
- 4 bone-in pork chops (each about 10 ounces and 1 inch thick)
- Coarse salt and freshly ground pepper
- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 medium sweet potatoes, scrubbed and cut into ¼-inch-thick rounds
- 1 large sweet onion, such as Vidalia, cut into ¼-inch-thick rounds
- ⅓ cup apple cider vinegar, preferably unfiltered
- ½ cup unsweetened apple cider, preferably unfiltered
- 1 teaspoon caraway seeds
- 2 apples, preferably Honeycrisp, thinly sliced, seeds removed

Directions:
1. Preheat oven to 375°F. Season pork with salt and pepper. Heat a large oven-proof skillet over medium high; swirl in oil. Cook chops until golden brown, turning once, about 8 min-utes total. Transfer to a plate. Remove all but 2 tablespoons fat from skillet.

2. Reduce heat to medium. Add potatoes and onion; season with salt. Cook until golden in spots, about 10 minutes. Add vinegar and cider. Cover and simmer, stirring a few times, until potatoes are tender, about 5 minutes. Sprinkle with caraway seeds.

3. Return pork and juices to skillet; tuck apple slices between chops. Roast until a thermometer inserted into thickest part of chops (without touching bone) registers 138°F, about 10 minutes. Serve pork, vegetables, and apples with pan juices.



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I TRIED IT

The Starbucks pumpkin spice latte has a hot sister

Ariel Teplitsky
Torstar News Service

Summer has come to its unofficial end, but fall couldn't feel further away. Is it really time to put away the garden hose and start thinking about our Halloween costumes? Not in the midst of this week's heat wave. (Though, if it continues, expect a lot of shirtless Trudeaus to come trick or treating.)

Nor are we yet inclined to put on a cosy sweater and curl up with all things pumpkin spice, the official flavour of fall.

Yet here we are.

This week, Starbucks is bringing back its popular seasonal offering, the pumpkin spice latte, but this time it's got rather more weather-appropriate company: chile mocha latte.

It's a similarly indulgent drink — a base of espresso laden with milk and whipped cream, but instead of pumpkin-pie spices and puree, there's cocoa, cinnamon and a kick of chile peppers. It's sweet, but a bit less so than the PSL, with 40 grams of sugar (and 350 calories) in the 16-ounce grande ($4.95).

Get a smaller size, or cut out the whipped cream, to diminish the guilt.

The drink brings the chocolate-chile combo, once limited to craft chocolate-makers and Mexican vendors, fully mainstream — just a few months behind chili-nut M&Ms, which debuted stateside this year. Is a sriracha Hershey bar far behind?

Our taste panel got a sneak sip of Starbucks' new brew — both hot and iced versions of the drink, since the company is trying to promote its chilled offerings beyond the summer months. While the weather lasts, that shouldn't be a problem.

We began with the hot drink: familiar flavours of sweet espresso, chocolate and cream followed by an undeniable bite of not-too-spicy chile. The spice does a nice job of balancing the beverage, which is otherwise a little too sweet for my tastes. Still, what's not to like? It didn't take long to drink half a grande.

Then it was time for the iced chile mocha latte, which tastes, well, like an iced mocha latte, hold the chile.

That's because most of the spice comes from a powder sprinkled over top of the whipped cream. In the hot latte, the cream and spice dissolve fairly fast. But in the iced version, much of the spice powder remains suspended on the cloud of whipped cream even after you've inhaled all the cold liquid through a straw.

Without the spice, it tastes notably sweeter than the hot latte.

Better to order just a dollop of whipped cream with the iced version, or get a different drink.

Tailored to your particular taste, the hot chile mocha latte is a keeper. But once colder weather sets in, the CML will be no match for the PSL.

Would I drink it again? Inevitably.

The chile mocha latte brings the chocolate-chile combo, once limited to artisan chocolatiers, to the mainstream.
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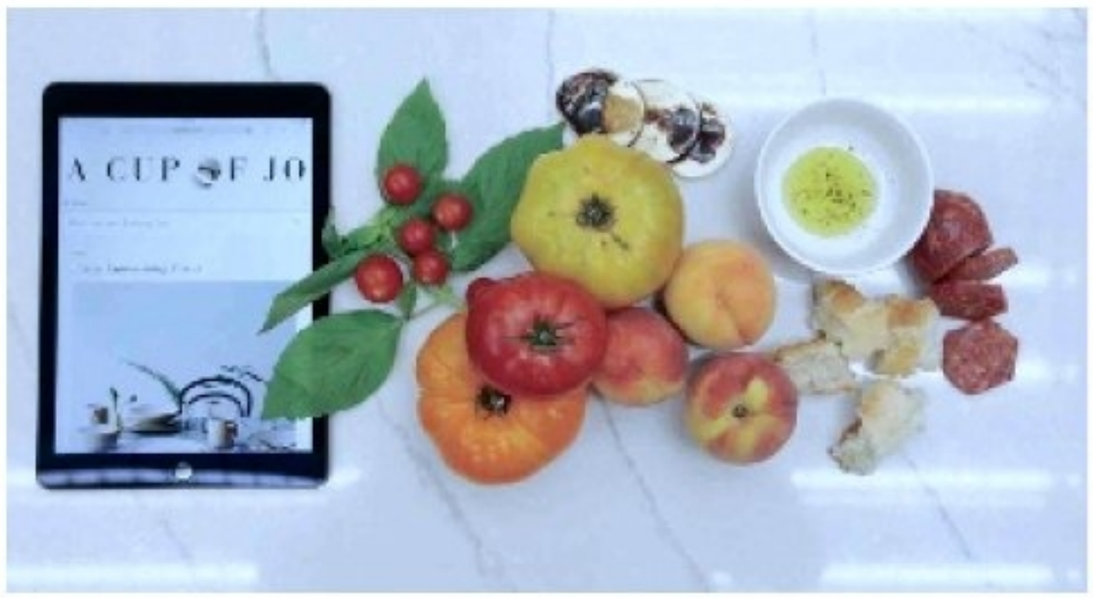
An easy way to make a salad delicious

COOK THIS BLOG

Crunchy bread and soft mozzarella jazz up this veg dish



A Cup of Jo features recipes from various American chefs, including this peach and tomato panzanella from Ashley Marti. CONTRIBUTED

Joanna Goddard's popular Brooklyn-based lifestyle blog, A Cup of Jo (cupofjo.com) is written in a laid-back style, offering heartwarming relationship posts and weekly roundups of engaging links from around the web.

Her food section doesn't disappoint either, featuring recipes from various American chefs and foodies. In this case, Ashley Marti, a food stylist from Portland, Oregon, developed this savoury panzanella, a traditional Tuscan summer salad of bread and tomatoes.

As Goddard writes: "What's the easiest way to make a salad more delicious? You guessed it: bread."

This summery salad is full of flavour, from the sweetness of the tomatoes to the tang of the balsamic vinegar. There's also a pleasant contrast in textures — crunchy bread, soft mozzarella, juicy peaches. And it's so, so easy. This could be a fabulous salad to make ahead for lunch, since there's no lettuce to wilt under the vinegar, and would be delightful alongside grilled chicken or salmon at a dinner party. As the blog suggests, you can also mix up the ingredients. Perhaps toss in some olives, go carb-free and ditch the bread, or make it vegan by nixing the cheese and salami.

Peach and tomato panzanella

Ingredients:

- 1 loaf of crusty bread
- 4 tbsp (60 mL) olive oil
- 2 peaches
- 2 large heirloom tomatoes
- 1 cup (250 mL) cherry tomatoes
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) dry salami (sliced)
- 2 tbsp. (30 mL) balsamic vinegar
- 1 small package fresh mozzarella
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) fresh basil, chopped (save some leaves for garnish)
- Salt and pepper

Directions:

1. Preheat the oven to 425F. Tear the loaf of bread into ragged cubes and toss with a splash of olive oil and a pinch of salt and pepper. When the oven is ready, place the bread cubes evenly on a tray and bake for around 8 minutes or so until they're a bit crisp. Remove them and let them cool.

2. Slice the peaches thinly. Cut the cherry tomatoes in half, and cut the large heirloom tomatoes into wedges. Slice the mozzarella (you can also chop it or rip it up, depending on the style you prefer.)

3. In a large bowl, toss together the peaches, tomatoes, salami, basil. Add a splash of olive oil — or measure out 2 tablespoons — and a pinch of salt and pepper.

4. Once the bread has cooled, mix it with the tomato peach mixture. Add the balsamic vinegar and toss thoroughly.

5. Top the mixture with another splash of olive oil, mozzarella slices, a pinch of pepper, and a few basil leaves for a garnish.

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THIS WEEK: Snack bars

Packing a back-to-school snack? Skip the chocolatey snack bars.

PICK THIS

Kellogg's Nutrigrain Bar in Strawberry per 1 bar (37g)

Calories 130
Fat 3g

SKIP THIS

Nature Valley Protein Peanut Butter Dark Chocolate Bar per 1 bar (37g)

Calories 190
Fat 11g

HERE'S WHY

Equivalent to an Aero chocolate bar in fat

Granola, breakfast and cereal bars are often marketed as healthy picks for an energy boost. Most are about as nutritious as a chocolate bar! With chocolate, sugar and palm oil, it's best to treat this Nature Valley bar as a dessert. If you need a quick grab-and-go snack for your bag, instead opt for the Nutrigrain bar. Its first ingredients are wheat flour and whole oats, and it has a third of the fat and less calories than the Nature Valley bar.

TRENDS

Cauliflower rice is going mainstream

Cauliflower is white like rice and can apparently mimic its taste, too.

Swapping out the rice and potatoes in dishes with chopped-up cauliflower has gained traction with low-carb dieters. Now, struggling vegetable maker Green Giant is hoping the "cauliflower rice" trend will go mainstream and help it reverse years of declining sales.

Green Giant plans to start selling bags of frozen "Riced Veggies" made with cauliflower, as well as frozen "mashed cauliflower" at the end of September. It has been selling bags of fresh "Cauliflower Crumbles" that are a bit larger in produce sections for about a year.

Others are in on the trend, though, which could hamper Green Giant's ambitions. Trader Joe's began selling frozen "Riced Cauliflower" last year and a fresh version this year. Wegmans, a Northeastern American grocery chain, has been selling a house brand for a little over a year. U.S. grocer Kroger began rolling out "Cauliflower Pearls" similar to Green Giant's crumbles in select locations in July, with plans to make them available at its supermarkets nationally. Producer Taylor Farms notes overall cauliflower sales in the U.S. rose 13 per cent last year, and that people are using chopped cauliflower as a replacement in recipes for rice, mashed potatoes and pizza crusts.

To capitalize, companies are doing the prep work of chopping for what they hope is a growing legion of cauliflower heads. Whether the fad has staying power remains to be seen. In its food trends report based on searches between 2014 and February, Google listed cauliflower rice as a "rising star." That means it experienced sudden growth but might not last.

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LIQUID ASSETS

A palate-cleansing white wine from the Kiwis

When it comes to understatements saying New Zealand exploded on the international wine scene back in the late 1990s is on par with suggesting Justin Trudeau takes a good selfie. As the 20st century was drawing to a close red wines were all the rage. Bucking every trend, the Kiwi's flagship juice was white; pressed from the Sauvignon Blanc grape.

They single-handedly made white wine cool again and almost overnight its South Island region of Marlborough became a mecca for Sauvignon Blanc fans. But Marlborough isn't the only New Zealand region to grow the grape. Though known more for its sublime Syrah-based reds, the North Island's Hawke's Bay region is a SB up-and-comer with Matua's 2015 Hawke's Bay Sauvignon Blanc ($15.29-$19.99) a rollicking mix of tropical fruit, zesty lime and palate-cleansing minerality.

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Dropped out of school, discovered at an airport

RETIREMENT

Here's some things you may not know about Peter Mansbridge

Peter Mansbridge plans to step down from the anchor chair of CBC's The National after Canada's 150th birthday celebrations next July 1.

Mansbridge, 68, has held the post at CBC's flagship news program for almost 30 years.

His tenure includes covering every federal election since 1972 and anchoring all 10 since 1984. He has also hosted eight Olympic opening ceremonies, most recently in Rio last summer.

Here are a few facts about Mansbridge:

How he began

It's true: Mansbridge's broadcast career began in singular fashion in 1968, when he was working in the Churchill, Man. airport. He was a 19-year-old baggage handler at the time, filling in on the intercom. The station manager at the local CBC radio station heard his baritone over the intercom and offered him a job on-air. Mansbridge worked on CBC Radio's news service to the North and, by 1976, he was covering Parliament Hill.

Rambling childhood

He was born July 6, 1948 in London, England, into a foreign service family and spent much of his early childhood in Kuala Lumpur in the Federation of Malaya (now Malaysia). He moved to Canada as a child after his father took a job in Ottawa with the Canadian government. He didn't make it to the end of Grade 12, dropping out to join the navy.

He was honourably discharged.

Higher education

He doesn't have a high school diploma and didn't attend journalism school. He does have nine honorary degrees and was named Chancellor of Mount Allison University in New Brunswick in 2009.

Toughest interview

He has particularly non-fond memories of an interview with former British prime minister Margaret Thatcher. "Few things go wrong, but when they do they're kind of catastrophic," he recalled to Toronto Star's Antonia Zerbisias. "I remember interviewing Margaret Thatcher and it was just a disaster. It was when she was on a book tour after she got out of the job (as British prime minister) and she kept accusing me of not having read her book, which sadly I had and it was brutal … and I don't think she even wrote it. That was just one of those really awkward interviews that I didn't handle well. It was just bad."

Mentor and big brother

Mansbridge was offered a co-hosting spot by CBS on This Morning in November 1987 and there were reportedly big bucks attached. Knowlton Nash, then lead anchor of The National and chief correspondent of CBC News, offered to step aside to keep Mansbridge north of the border. Mansbridge assumed the chief correspondent and lead anchor role in May 1988, replacing Nash.

Mansbridge once told the Star that Nash was "everything from a big brother to a colleague to an uncle to a really good friend to a mentor."

No shocker he's leaving

"I've made it very clear to everybody that I have no intention of doing this job with a '7' in front of my age," he told the Star's Vinay Menon in May 2014. He added: "When I started, a young person would stop me and want a picture because they were a huge fan," he says. "Then it became, 'My mother loves you. I need to get a picture.' Now the thing that's starting to creep in is, 'My grandmother loves you.' So you kind of know the direction this is going."

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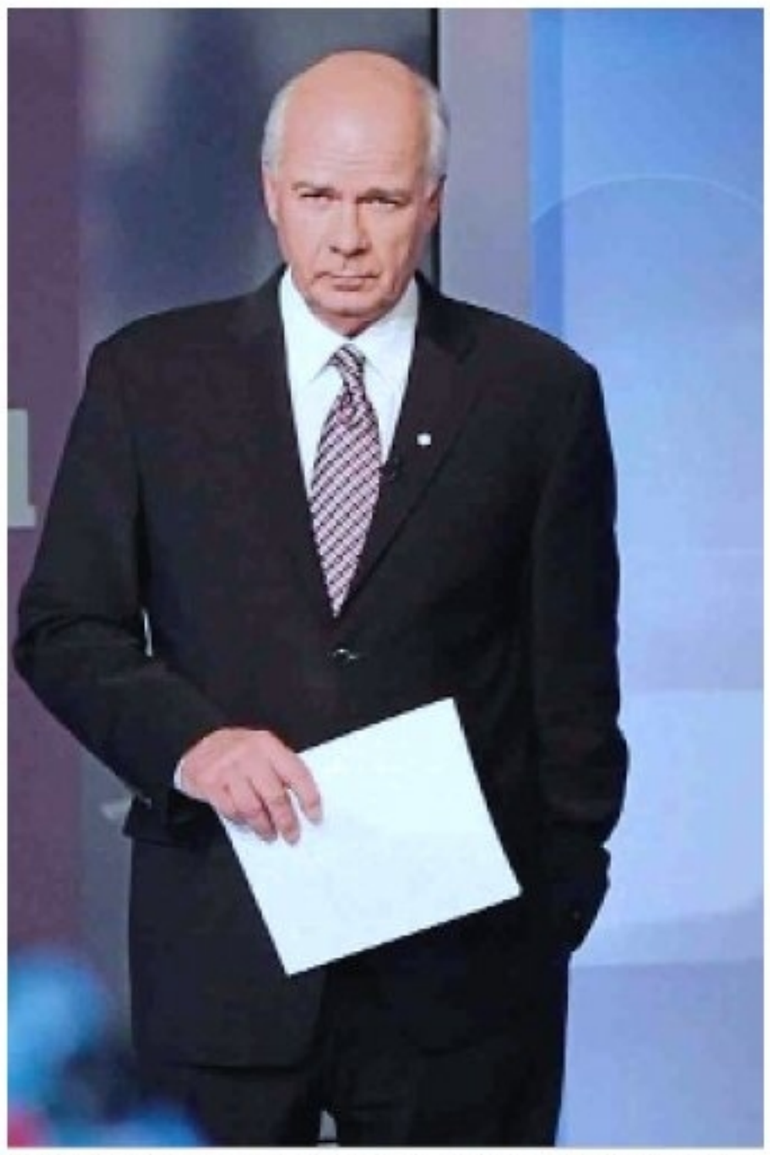

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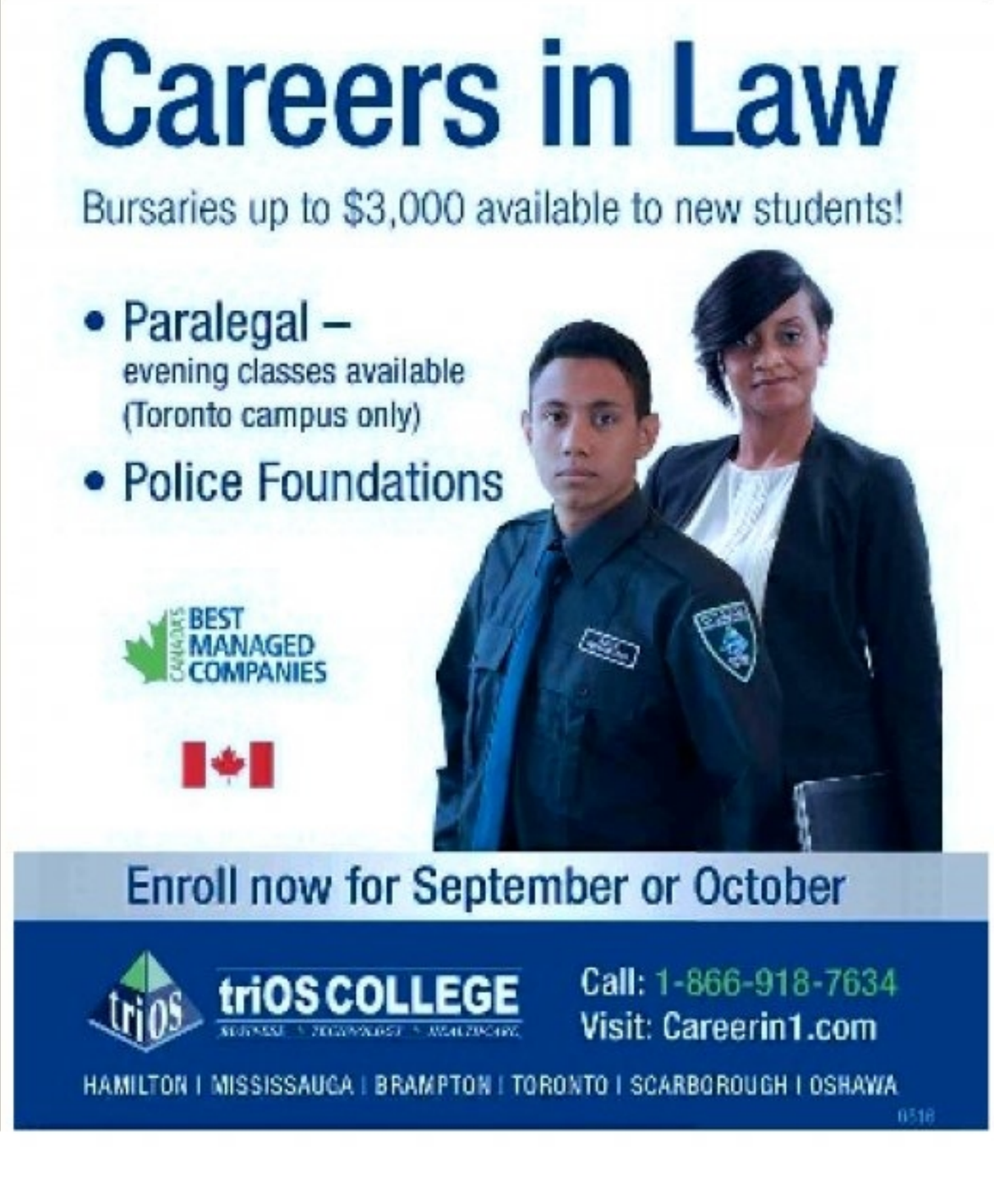

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Drake, RiRi date spawns matching shark tattoos

Drake wears feelings on his forearm. INSTAGRAM/CHAMPAGNEPAPI

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Rihanna may have Love on the Brain, but Drake has it on his arm.

The 6ix God was recently spotted with a camouflage shark tattooed on his right forearm — the same ink that Rihanna recently showed off in an Instagram post.

The significance? Drake reportedly rented out the entire Ripley's Aquarium for a private date with his on-again, off-again love interest earlier this summer, in July. Rumour has it he bought her a stuffed shark, and the tat is a reference to the heartfelt gift.

Rihanna's bitten by love.
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If that wasn't romantic enough for you, the musical power couple later took an affectionate selfie under the CN Tower. Now that's what we call Views From The 6.

JOHANNA SCHNELLER **WHAT I'M WATCHING**

Entire episode is a spoiler

THE SHOW: American Gothic, Season 1, Episode 11 (Global)
THE MOMENT: The complete recap

Virginia Madsen (Madeline Hawthorne) tells everyone in the family whodunnit in Episode 11 of American Gothic. CONTRIBUTED

"You need to know the whole story," Boston matriarch Madeline Hawthorne (Virginia Madsen) tells three of her grown children — Alison (Juliet Rylance), who wants to be mayor; Cam (Justin Chatwin), a recovering drug user; and Tessa (Megan Ketch), pregnant and fragile — about the local serial murderer known as the Silver Bells Killer (SBK).

Meanwhile, while digging up a body, Madeline's other child, Garrett (Antony Starr), hunky and troubled, tells the same story to Tessa's husband Brady (Elliot Knight), a cop.

"The man you pushed down the stairs was SBK," Madeline intones.

"I kept the knife as a reminder that I had to do what I did," Garrett growls.

"So Dad wasn't SBK, he was a copycat," Cam deduces.

"He killed to protect his fortune," Alison adds.

"Why didn't you tell us when we found the bells?" Tessa wonders.

"Or when his DNA matched the belt?" Alison asks.

This is one of the strangest hours of TV ever. Instead of the usual mystery series route — seed clues throughout the episodes; let viewers figure some stuff out along the way; build to a finale that reveals answers via plot — this one just throws up its hands and says, "That's hard. How ''bout I simply tell you everything all at once?"

The real question isn't, Why didn't Madeline tell her kids this earlier and spare them a lot of grief? The real question is: Why the heck is she telling us this now, since it renders the entire season we just watched absolutely moot?

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REVIEW

C-Class had to be great —and fortunately for Benz it is

Sami Haj-Assaad
AutoGuide.com

With the A5 needing a refresh and starting to look old in the eyes of some socialites and the 4 Series lacking the style and sportiness that drivers in this segment are looking for, Mercedes-Benz is offering a shining star in its C-Class Coupe.

While the last generation C-Class Coupe showed up a few years after its sedan counterpart hit the market, this new-gen model is hot on the heels of the launch of the new sedan; it seems like Mercedes is eager to strut its stuff in this interesting market segment.

The luxury coupe competition has become stale and the only fresh new vehicles are coming from unusual sources, like the new, but polarizing Lexus RC. To turn that trend around, the new C-Class Coupe has to be fantastic. Fortunately, it is.

First impressions are important, and the C-Class walks a fine line between bling and beauty. While many of the test vehicles featured the brand's usually excessive looking diamond chrome grille option, these cars didn't look garish at all. Eighteen-inch wheels and other aggressive exterior appearance parts also helped the C-Class Coupe maintain a striking visual presence.

Sleek from all angles, this Coupe easily stands out alongside the bigger, more expensive Mercedes vehicles and coupes. The C-Class no longer has a second class design or a cheap interior; Mercedes' new interior design language is among the best in the market. Circular vents are accented by chunky, toggle-like switches and if the car features the upgraded Burmester audio system, the speaker grilles are like little art installations in their own right.

Throwing the C-Class around the back roads of Maine and New Hampshire is a good way to feel how the Coupe is tuned for more feedback and a tighter response in terms of steering and handling. However, most of the cars tested were equipped with the AMG Sport Package that included a sport suspension, so the ride did get a bit choppy, especially over broken pavement. Alternatively, the brand's Airmatic suspension smoothed out the ride and is a must-have option. While the suspension gives plenty of feedback, the steering is a bit lifeless.

But with its competition from BMW and Audi now stale, the introduction of the new C-Class is a refreshing sight in this niche segment. While the A5 and 3 Series Coupe have enjoyed success in the past, it's clear that the Mercedes C-Class Coupe is now the best two-door luxury car on the market.

THE CHECKLIST | 2017 MERCEDES-BENZ C300 COUPE

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4 ALL-TIME HOTTEST CARS, ACCORDING TO PAGANI

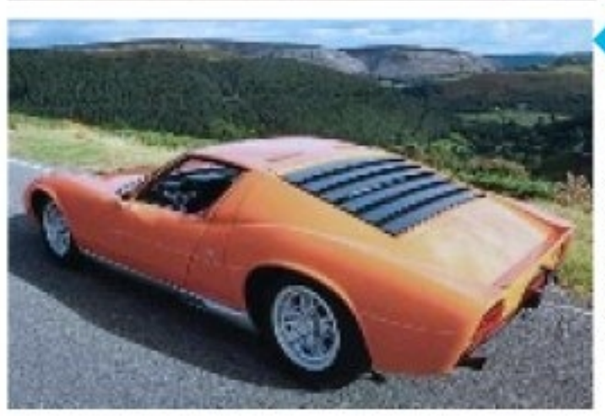
While the performance of Pagani's automobiles is hard to argue with, the design of these supercars is what makes them truly desirable. In the words of Horacio Pagani himself, the engineering and design of the cars go hand in hand. We chatted with the automaker's founder and CEO to ask him what he considers to be some of the most beautiful cars of all time. **SAMI HAJ-ASSAAD/AUTOGUIDE.COM**

1 Jaguar E-Type

The Jaguar E-Type is one of the few non-Italian cars on Pagani's list. Originally introduced in 1961, the E-Type uses a front-engine, rear-wheel-drive layout with a 3.8-litre inline-six engine under its long hood. Making 265 horsepower, the E-Type was more than just a pretty machine — it could move, too. Many designers reference the E-Type as a major influence, so it's not a huge surprise to see Pagani give some props to this British icon.

2 Mercedes-Benz 300SL Gullwing

This choice must have been made by Pagani's inner engineer, because when the 300SL debuted, it was the fastest production car available. The 300SL was named for its unique gullwing doors, and you can see that inspired Pagani.



3 Lamborghini Miura

The Lamborghini Miura has a place in history as being one of the first high-performance, mid-engined cars ever. It practically invented the term supercar, so it's no surprise to see it here on Mr. Pagani's list.

4 De Tomaso Pantera

The De Tomaso Pantera is one of the most misunderstood classics in supercar history. The combination of Italian styling with an American V8 is something that's hard to ignore, but many classic car connoisseurs balk at the quirky car. Fortunately, Pagani isn't one to deny this car's cool factor. Still, this is definitely a surprising entry on this list.

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Porsche Panamera enters a new era

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Dan Ilika
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Of all the things the Porsche 911 does well, accommodating more than two people isn't among them.

This poses an obvious problem for those without room in their driveways — or budgets — for more than one vehicle. This is where the Porsche Panamera comes in. Because make no mistake, this thing is born from the same bloodlines as its sibling from Stuttgart. It just so happens to have four doors, and with them, room for four people. It's also new for 2017, with nothing except the badge on the hood carrying over from the first-generation car, offering a fresh take on the four-door sports car concept.

Much like the 911 and its umpteen derivatives, the 2017 Panamera will be offered in a whack of trim levels that scale the price ladder in a way only a Porsche can. The sedan will be offered in familiar 4S and Turbo guise at launch, the former acting as the gateway to four-door Porschedom; cost of entry: $100,000.

Work That Body

To describe the 2017 Panamera's exterior in one word it would be: Refined. The new looks build on all of the good from the previous generation, leaving all of the bad.

Gone is the bubble-like shape of old that made the car look a bit like a Volkswagen Beetle that got caught in a panini press, replaced by a sharper profile that is lower, longer and sleeker. It also leans much more heavily on the likes of the 911 for inspiration, particularly around back where the wide rear haunches do the Panamera plenty of stylistic favors.

Porsche Advanced Cockpit

It's somewhere around the time you slip into the cabin of 2017 Panamera that you realize it's special.

There's just something about the way the car envelops you and puts you firmly in control that brings on a level of confidence and excitement not often felt in a sedan, sport or otherwise. The interior is so simplified and streamlined, due in part to the automaker's new advanced cockpit design, which brings a completely 918 Spyder-inspired approach to the Panamera that's heavy on the digital.

Gone is the bubble-like shape that made the old Porsche Panamera look not unlike a Volkwagen Beetle that got stuck in a panini press. HANDOUT

The first-generation Panamera featured enough buttons on the center console to rival a Boeing 747, but not this time around. Hard keys are replaced by touch-sensitive surfaces that are easy to use and cut down on the clutter. Likewise, most controls have been centralized through a new touchscreen atop the center stack that runs Apple CarPlay and offers WiFi hotspot connectivity.

If that's not enough, the Panamera's instrument cluster features two digital display screens on either side of the tachometer that offer info on everything from g-forces to maps and radio stations.

Identity Crisis

Like the last generation, the 2017 Panamera has two personalities: Sports car and luxury sedan. But unlike its predecessor, the two are much less distinctive from one another — and that's not a bad thing. Both sides of the car blend together in a seamless way, providing equal parts corner-carver and comfy cruiser.

Expecting anything less than superb handling is futile, with an almost 911-like ability to slice up a twisty road and serve it on a platter thanks to electromechanical steering that is tremendously crisp and precise and available four-wheel steering that turn the rear wheels in the same direction as the fronts at speeds above 48 km/h for increased stability and control.

AT A GLANCE

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Holtby takes 'long road' back to Team Canada

WORLD CUP OF HOCKEY

Vezina winner last played for country in 2007 at U18s

When Braden Holtby last represented Canada on the international stage it was almost a decade ago and he barely played.

The 26-year-old from Lloydminster, Sask., has been slowly inching upward ever since. From fourth-round pick of the Washington Capitals to starting netminder in the NHL to Vezina Trophy winner and record-setter and back once more with Team Canada, this time as the likely next-in-line behind Carey Price at the World Cup of Hockey.

"It's a long road," Holtby said following the second day of World Cup training camp. "I just always focused on that next goal, that next level trying to get there. It's always been the dream to be here, so you never really think twice about it you just do what's necessary."

Holtby played eight minutes 50 seconds at his last international experience nine years ago (2007), the backup to future Colorado Avalanche draft pick Trevor Cann at the under-18 championships in Finland. The Canadians finished fourth that year, despite boasting Steven Stamkos, Drew Doughty, and Logan Couture, all of whom would join Holtby again nearly a decade later on the latest incarnation of the Canadian World Cup team.

Doughty somehow remembers it all quite well, even down to the fact that Cann (who's yet to play an NHL game) and not Holtby, started. Couture recalled playing cards with Holtby in their Finnish hotel room, describing him as a goaltender who was long under the radar.

Holtby was passed over entirely for the world junior championships.

> **"It's always been the dream to be here, so you never really think twice about it you just do what's necessary."**
> Braden Holtby

"Even back then I remember he was a good goalie," Doughty said. "Obviously to be on the under-18 team you've got to be a really good goalie and I guess he's just taken that talent to another level. He's one of the best goalies in the league now."

Holtby was shocked when Canada invited him to their summer Olympic training camp in 2013, somewhat in awe of the talent around him. He knew he wasn't part of the top group at that point, then just a couple years into his career with Washington.

"I knew the ability was there," Holtby said. "I just had to find it."

It didn't come right away. Holtby stumbled backward in the 2013-14 season (.915 save percentage) before leaping into the elite crowd with 41 wins, nine shutouts and a .923 save percentage two years ago. In capturing the Vezina last season, Holtby matched Martin Brodeur's single-season wins record, totalling 48 (in 12 fewer games than Brodeur) for the Capitals.

He doesn't look at his conquest as the league's top goaltender, nor his inclusion on Team Canada as turning points in a career that's always trended up. He circles back to the point when he first made it into the NHL, when he first realized he could compete for his ultimate goal: the Stanley Cup.

"And that's really the only focus," said Holtby, who went 48-9-7 last year as the Capitals were vanquished in the second round by Pittsburgh. "I'm not really too focused on other personal stuff."

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48

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Hoops star chosen to wave the Maple Leaf

When David Eng made his Paralympic debut 12 years ago in Athens, coach Mike Frogley would jot down a word each day and pin that word on the wall.

They were words like "leadership" and "commitment," character traits Frogley wanted his players to embody.

They were words, Eng decided then and there, to live by.

"I started focusing on that," Eng said. "That was what I wanted to become, was that type of person."

David Eng
THE CANADIAN PRESS

The 39-year-old veteran of Canada's wheelchair basketball team has been chosen to carry the Maple Leaf into the opening ceremony of the Paralympic Games on Wednesday.

Frogley, now the high performance director for Wheelchair Basketball Canada, said there was no better choice. Every great player and every team, he said, "starts with great character."

"And that's what David is: great character that allows us the opportunity to be great," Frogley said. "And he's a great representation of Canada, (he) embodies all the things that Canadians hold in the highest regard, his work ethic, his discipline, his commitment to the team ... those are things all Canadians share in, so they share in him marching out holding our flag."

The two-time Paralympic gold medallist, who was cheered on by both the men's and women's wheelchair teams at his news conference Tuesday morning, will be competing at his fourth Games.

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WORLD CUP QUALIFYING

Portugal misses star in loss to Swiss

European champion Portugal failed to overcome the absence of Cristiano Ronaldo this time, and lost 2-0 to Switzerland in a World Cup qualifying match on Tuesday.

For Portugal's first competitive match since beating France in the Euro 2016 final, Ronaldo was left out of the squad while he recovers from the knee injury sustained in the opening minutes in Paris.

Breel Embolo headed the opening goal in the 23rd minute and Admir Mehmedi curled in his shot in the 30th.

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Monfils rolls into semis

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The 10th-seeded Monfils beat Pouille 6-4, 6-3, 6-3 in an all-French quarter-final Tuesday.

The entertaining Monfils has won all 15 sets he's played during this tournament.

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DAVIS CUP

Raonic pulls out of matchup vs. Chile

Canada will be without top player Milos Raonic when it takes on Chile in a Davis Cup playoff later this month in Halifax.

Tennis Canada says Raonic is skipping the series due to "lingering effects of the cramping he experienced during his second-round match at the U.S. Open last week."

This will be the ninth time the two countries have played each other in Davis Cup with the record standing at an even 4-4. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Milos Raonic lost in the second round of the U.S. Open last week.

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RECENT MEDALS

Both the Canadian men and women captured silver medals at last summer's Parapan Am Games in Toronto.

Broncos settle in with Siemian

NFL SEASON PREVIEW

Champs look to relative no name in Super Bowl defence

Peyton Manning's successor isn't Brock Osweiler or Colin Kaepernick or Mark Sanchez, all of whom had better offseason odds than NFL novice Trevor Siemian.

When Broncos GM John Elway declined to overpay Osweiler, Manning's longtime backup bolted to Houston 48 hours after his mentor called it a career. Elway quickly acquired Sanchez from the Eagles but he really had his eyes fixed on Kaepernick, who rejected a pay cut to facilitate a trade from the 49ers to Denver.

So, Elway moved on — and he moved up in the first round of the draft, selecting Paxton Lynch of Memphis, who very well might be the franchise's future.

The present, though, belongs to Siemian, a QB who won the starting job with a mix of brains and brawn, precision and poise, steadiness and spunk.

The Carolina Panthers will certainly try to unnerve Siemian in his first NFL start Thursday night in the 2016 season opener.

Thing is, nobody at Broncos headquarters has ever seen the 2015 seventh-round pick get rattled.

Not when he was Osweiler's backup for two months last season when Manning was hurt.

Not when he ran the scout team against Denver's destructive defence that brought home the Lombardi Trophy.

Not even when coach Gary Kubiak named him the starter.

"He's the same guy: cool, calm and collected," said wide receiver Emmanuel Sanders.

"He's not going to change. He's not going to waver. I know that he wants to show the world, 'Hey, look at this guy out here, No. 13.' I think he can make plays and make all the throws."

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Trevor Siemian spent last season soaking in Gary Kubiak's West Coast offence under the tutelage of Peyton Manning and Brock Osweiler. JUSTIN EDMONDS/GETTY IMAGES

ABOUT THE QB

- **Siemian was a high school star in central Florida** as a QB and a third baseman.
- **He chose Big Ten school Northwestern** as much for its academics as its athletics.
- **He played in 44 games for the Wildcats but started just 14** — yet still finished as the school's fourth-leading passer.
- **He tore an ACL in his final college game** and that scared away plenty of teams but not the Broncos, who chose him with the 250th in 2015.

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For Metro Canada

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Ready in 30 minutes
Prep time: 20 minutes
Cook time: 10 minutes
Serves 4

Ingredients
- 2 chicken breasts
- 1/4 - 1/2 purple cabbage, thinly sliced
- 1/4 - 1/2 green cabbage, thinly sliced
- 2 carrots, shredded
- 1 red pepper, thinly sliced
- 1/2 cucumber, peeled and sliced
- 2 spring onions, sliced
- handful cilantro, chopped
- 1/3 cup peanuts, chopped (optional)

Dressing
- 1 Tbsp sesame oil
- 1 Tbsp soy sauce
- 1/2 tsp sriracha
- 1 Tbsp vegetable oil
- 1 tsp fish sauce
- 1 tsp sugar

Directions

1. Fill a skillet with water and season the water with salt and pepper and bring it to a simmer. Place chicken breasts in water and cook 10 to 12 minutes, depending on how thick the breasts are. Remove from the skillet to clean plate. Use two forks to shred the chicken.

2. In a small bowl, whisk together the dressing ingredients.

3. In a large serving bowl, toss together the vegetables and chicken. Drizzle dressing over the salad and toss again. Serve the salad in bowls and garnish with cilantro and chopped peanuts.

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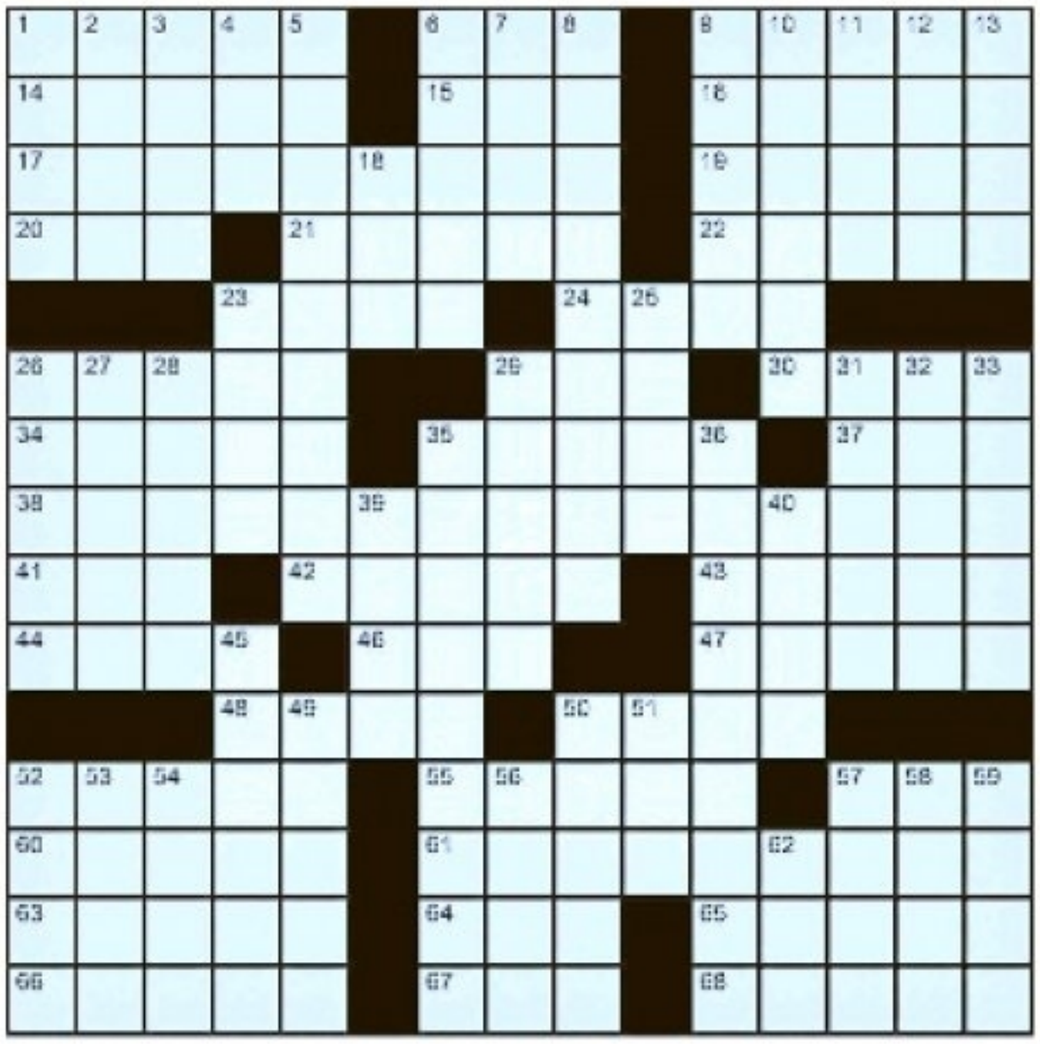

ACROSS
1. Sense, airport canine style
6. Lettered car-pooling lane
9. Toward the stern
14. Jane Fonda's dad, in Paris
15. Songstress Ms. DiFranco
16. Story with morals
17. King Arthur's legendary weapon
19. Stewpots
20. East Coast ocean, for short
21. Canadian 'Push' group
22. Conforms
23. Deer's tail type
24. _-_-the-minute (In style)
26. Unlawfully lift
29. Pro
30. Pharaoh snakes
34. Dominican Republic neighbour
35. Beer holders
37. Celeb photographer
38. Reporters aspire to providing it on big stories: 2 wds.
41. Cereal grass
42. Walk-in closet collection
43. Outspoken
44. Weight allowance
46. Same old, same old
47. Function
48. Lunchtime order
50. Pony's pride
52. Looseness in the line
55. Lyre-playing Muse
57. Holy hail
60. Chilly weather comfort drink
61. 1999 Keanu Reeves blockbuster: 2 wds.
63. Big name in office labels
64. "Mazel _!"
65. K, to Homer
66. Hatchlings'
67. 'Computer' suffix
68. Muscle _

DOWN
1. Beatles famed concert stadium
2. Following
3. Comes with it, for short
4. Monk's title
5. They're shown in a critique of a latest Hollywood release: 2 wds.
6. Custom
7. Cross to bear
8. Super skilled sorts
9. Underway
10. Movie boxer Rocky's surname
11. Up to the task
12. Celebrity chef Bobby
13. "Guarding _" (1994)
18. Cash substitute letters
23. Fill
25. Prior to, for short
26. Top type
27. Ms. Tucker
28. Canada's largest duck
29. Aspect
31. Planetary place
32. Particular polytheistic person
33. Wheat type
35. Name of fashion designer Karl Lagerfeld's pet cat he always carries around that has its own Twitter and Instagram accounts
36. Winnipeg: Battle of __ National Historic Site of Canada, as per the 1816 conflict in the Pemmican War
39. Drive-_ restaurant
40. Wander
45. Police _ (Dignitary's accompaniment)
49. Signs off on
50. Irish writer Ms. Binchy
51. Bills spewer in the mall
52. Casually look over
53. Zero, in a tennis match
54. Hotshots
56. 17th Greek letters
57. Harp, in Italy
58. Limo passengers often
59. Big test
62. Do some spy work

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
This is a good day to make future travel plans or to check out approaches to further studies and schooling. Whatever you do will have a practical, pleasant outcome.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Relations with co-workers are positive and supportive today. If someone older or more experienced has advice for you, listen to it, because it will help you.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
A romance might blossom with someone older today. Those of you involved in the arts will find that you have the discipline to practice and hone your skills and techniques.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Any effort to introduce improvements or redecorate your home will go well today. Not only will things be more attractive, they also will function better. An older family member might help.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
You can make money with your communication skills today. This could be through writing, talking, sales, marketing, teaching or acting. It's easy to be diplomatic and practical.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
This is an excellent day for business and commerce. Look for ways to solidify your finances so that they are more secure in the future. Someone older might help you.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Today your steady, calm approach to things creates a role model for others. You see a happy marriage between practical function and relationships. Good for you!

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
A secret relationship, possibly romantic, with someone older or more established, might take place today. Whatever you do (especially in terms of money) will be low-key.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Check in with someone older or more experienced today to get this person's guidance. His or her suggestions can help you to set future goals. You will know what is doable

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
A romance with a boss or someone older or more experienced might begin today. Others will approach you to give their creative advice on design, layout or furniture arrangement.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Travel plans, especially with someone older, look promising today. This is also a good day to seek advice from a teacher or guru-like figure.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
This is a good day to settle debts and discussions about inheritances and shared property. People are conservative; however, they want to reach an agreement.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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3	6	7	5	8	1	2	9	4
2	4	8	9	3	6	1	7	5
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